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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Academic Officer
FROM: Sabine U. O'Hara, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **2009–2010 Fulbright Scholar Awards**
DATE: April 2008

Fulbright Scholars internationalize their campuses. Fulbright Scholars enrich the curriculum with cross-cultural perspectives, revitalize their teaching, develop connections with international colleagues and students, and encourage U.S. students to study abroad.

The competition for Fulbright Scholar awards for the 2009-10 academic year is open and awards are posted on the web site of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). Since 1946 CIES has had the privilege of administering the Fulbright Scholar program – the flagship international exchange program of the U.S. government.

In 2008-09 over 800 U.S. faculty and professionals won Fulbright Scholar lecturing or research awards in over 130 countries. Past experience shows that a Fulbright is a life changing experience for the scholar, and makes a real difference in the life of the college and university to which a Fulbright scholar returns after the award ends.

Given this tremendous impact of a Fulbright Scholar grant on the academic life, global awareness, and diversity of perspectives on campuses around the country, I trust that you will encourage your colleagues to apply for a Fulbright Scholar grant this year. Fulbright Scholars come from all areas of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, as well as from professional fields like business, journalism and law. Grants are awarded to faculty of all academic ranks, including adjunct and emeriti faculty.

Enclosed you will find a Fulbright Scholar fact sheet, a poster and a notice that your public relations office might like to place in campus wide publications. These materials are specifically geared towards faculty and staff, and we hope some of your colleagues will consider becoming Fulbright Scholars during the 2009-10 academic year. You will find more information about the Fulbright Scholar Program on the CIES web site at www.cies.org, or by e-mailing apprequest@cies.iie.org or calling 202.686.4000.

Fulbright Scholars contribute substantially toward internationalizing and diversifying your campus. Thank you very much for your support for the Fulbright Scholar program and for encouraging your colleagues to apply. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you all the best for a successful conclusion of the spring term 2008.

Enclosures: Competition Open Announcement
Engaging Faculty Fact Sheet
Poster

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

2009–2010

U.S. Faculty and Professionals

Lecturing and Research Awards Available Around the World

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering lecturing, research or combination lecturing/research awards in over 130 countries for the 2009-2010 academic year. The competition opens March 1.

Opportunities are available not only for college and university faculty and administrators but also for professionals from business and government, as well as artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. There are awards in 45 different fields or disciplines, and a variety of subdisciplines and interdisciplinary fields.

Traditional Fulbright Scholar awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A short-term grants program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program—offers two- to six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields.

While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright Scholar lecturing assignments are in English. Nearly 70 percent of the awards include a lecturing component.

Application deadlines for 2009-2010 awards are:

- **August 1, 2008** for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants or for Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards worldwide
- **November 1, 2008** for the summer German Studies Seminar and for spring/summer seminars in Korea and Japan for academic and international education administrators
- **February 1, 2009** for the U.S.-Germany International Education Administrators Program
- **Rolling deadline** for the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program

Get more information, register and apply online at www.cies.org. For more information about the Fulbright Scholar Program's traditional grants and other opportunities, visit our Web site, e-mail apprequest@cies.iie.org or call 202.686.7877.

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ENGAGING FACULTY



Internationalizing U.S. Institutions

From community colleges to small liberal arts colleges to large research universities, presidents today cite internationalization of their institutions as a priority. Holistically, the strategy for a global campus includes supporting an array of study abroad opportunities for faculty, which can be used for their continued professional development. The Fulbright Scholar Program can provide vital resources for this effort. Unlike any other, the program provides myriad opportunities to strengthen the global reach of a community of teachers and learners who will energize and internationalize institutions for years to come.

The Ways in Which the Fulbright Scholar Program Can Benefit Your College or University

Opportunities for U.S. Faculty

Traditional Fulbright Scholar Program

Lecturing and/or conducting research in another country/region for three months to one year enables faculty and the institution to experience a “multiplier effect” that brings international experiences to the institution by infusing new cross-cultural perspectives into an existing curriculum, revitalizing teaching methods, opening the door for international colleagues to teach and students to study at the institution, and providing lasting professional contacts with those from other countries/regions.

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program

Distinguished lecturing and research positions in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Russia and selected countries in Europe provide outstanding scholars with the opportunity to collaborate with international colleagues. Those involved in the Chairs Program often uncover new research directions that benefit their institutions directly, extend their circle of international colleagues, and participate in unique collaborative projects.

Fulbright Specialists Program

Designed to provide short-term academic opportunities of two to six weeks for U.S. faculty and professionals in selected disciplines, the Specialists Program enables grantees to collaborate with their counterparts in other countries on curriculum development, assist in institutional planning, deliver lecture series, and use their expertise as it relates directly to the host institution’s needs.

Fulbright New Century Scholars (NCS) Program

Each year, the New Century Scholars Program gathers approximately 30 outstanding research scholars and professionals from around the world for collaboration on an annual topic of international significance. While advancing their own individual research projects, U.S. scholars selected to participate in NCS also have a unique opportunity to work collaboratively with international colleagues to advance the state of human understanding on an issue of concern to people worldwide.

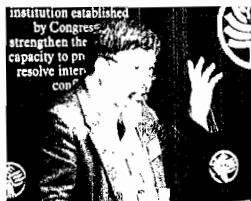
Fulbright International Education Administrators (IEA) Seminars

Academics are not the only individuals who benefit from the Fulbright Scholar experience. U.S. higher education administrators find their understanding of international higher education heightened through an intensive, comparative study of the society, culture, and higher education system in Germany, Japan or South Korea. The two- to three-week seminars enable administrators to return to their U.S. campuses with innovative ideas and fresh methods for engaging their communities in enriching international experiences, enhanced by new international contacts.

Fulbright German Studies Seminar

Designed for 25 U.S. scholars of German studies and other disciplines related to the annual seminar topic, this three-week seminar enables scholars to examine current critical issues in Germany.

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Research Awards

The following grants providing opportunities for scholars to conduct research and field work in critical world areas:

- *African Regional Research Program*
- *European Union Affairs Research Program*
- *Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program*
- *South and Central Asia Regional Research Program*

How U.S. Colleges and Universities Can Host Scholars From Abroad

Traditional Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

Large and small campuses are encouraged to take advantage of the wealth of expertise presented by 800 Fulbright Visiting Scholars who are in the United States each year on Fulbright grants. This program provides faculty with the means to help internationalize campuses through grants for visiting scholars to teach and conduct research in the United States.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program brings scholars and professionals from abroad for one semester or an academic year to U.S. campuses that do not often have the opportunity to host visiting scholars, but are interested in initiating international programs and curricula, and global studies or area-specific academic programs. Institutions that serve student populations that are underrepresented in international exchange programs, including minority-serving institutions and community colleges, are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Fulbright Occasional Lecturer Program (OLP)

This program provides an opportunity for individual faculty and departments to invite Fulbright Visiting Scholars located at other institutions in the United States to make presentations and engage in other activities on campus and in the community. Travel awards are provided for this purpose.

Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World

The Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program assists U.S. higher education institutions and communities enrich their understanding of Islamic civilization and culture, and social, political and economic developments in the Muslim world. Fulbright Visiting Specialists, who are matched with U.S. institutions for a period of three to six weeks, lecture or teach short courses, assist with program and curriculum development, interact with students and participate in public outreach programs with community groups, local schools and civic organizations.

**For additional information or to apply,
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